(4) To prevent crowding of visitors and idlers in the verandahs and wards.

(5) To prevent the swarming, sometimes in large numbers, of sight-seers, etc., when a police case or a case of accidental injury is brought in.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Does not this 'pass system' compel patients to crowd in the outer ward to get prescription ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Do you mean the out-patients' ward ?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Yes.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : I believe they have a separate entrance.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : There may be a separate entrance ; but, does not this 'pass system' prevent the patients from choosing the doctor they like ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : It does not. The main entrance is to the in-patient department. The 'pass system' is in force to prevent indiscriminate entrance into the in-patient department.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Does not this 'pass system' prevent a patient from choosing the doctor he likes ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : No ; once admission is given he can seek any doctor he likes.

Admission of Labour cases in the District Hospital, Quilon.

263. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that labour cases are admitted in the Quilon District Hospital when there is the Victoria Hospital for women and children ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Labour cases are not generally admitted into the Quilon District Hospital since there is no labour ward attached to the institution, but patients in labour who wished to be attended by the Medical Officer in charge of the District Hospital, Quilon, have been admitted sometimes to that Hospital.

Damage to Paddy Lands on account of the Floods in Tulam 1101 and Relief Measures.

264. **MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Agastisvaram*) : (1) Are the Government aware that, in the Trivandrum Division, crops on thousands of acres of paddy lands, both in and out of the area commanded by the Kodayar Project, have been destroyed, and hundreds of acres of paddy lands have been silted up with sand on account of the floods in Tulam last ?

(2) Have they collected statistics regarding the number of acres of land the crops on which have been destroyed and also of the area silted up ?

(3) If so, what was the total area of such lands in the Trivandrum Division ?

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